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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

June 27, 2008

To: Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor, Fifth District

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Office

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ANIMAL FACILITY PERMITTING PROCESS

This is in response to your Board motion of May 13, 2008 in which you directed my Office and the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) to review the County's existing animal facility permitting process and make recommendations for improvements, as well as verifying United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) permits and adding the grade of each facility to the County's website.

In reviewing the animal facility grading system, the Department has identified a number of areas in the County Code regarding the applicable duties of the Department that should be amended. Examples of some of the areas that require further review are: the possibility of requiring multiple annual inspections for larger facilities, review of health department conflicts, and adding "doggie day care" facilities and cat facilities. Therefore, more in depth study by the Department and County Counsel is required. In addition, it will be important to hold several meetings with interested stakeholders during the process of developing ordinance amendments. The Department estimates this process will take approximately six to eight months. The Department has begun this review and will provide quarterly status reports to your Board on the progress of this effort.

In the meantime, the Department will begin posting animal facility grades on the Department's website, as well as implement the requirement for applicable facilities to verify that they have current USDA licenses.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Mayeda at (562) 256-2406, or via e-mail at mmayeda@animalcare.lacounty.gov

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c: Marcia Mayeda, Director, Animal Care and Control

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ANIMAL FACILITY PERMITTING PROCESS – SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the second quarterly report to your Board in response to Supervisor Antonovich's Board Motion of May 13, 2008, directing my Office and the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) to review the County's existing animal facility licensing process and make recommendations for improvements, as well as verifying United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) permits and adding the grade of each facility to the County's website.

The Department has completed its comprehensive review of the current County ordinance as it relates to animal facilities. A number of areas have been identified that can be strengthened. These include adding or changing definitions in the Code; involving Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Bureau, Department of Regional Planning, and the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division in the licensing processes; reviewing the permissible number of animals per facility; clarifying space requirements for caged animals; comporting County ordinance with State law; including exercise requirements for caged animals; revising Department forms; and enhanced safety features such as fire suppression systems and emergency evacuation plans for animal facilities.

The Department plans to begin reviewing these items with County Counsel and the County departments mentioned above to make recommendations to changes in the County Code for your Board's consideration. The Department expects this process to be completed by the end of June, 2009. The Department will continue to meet regularly with interested stakeholders regarding this matter.

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ANIMAL FACILITY PERMITTING PROCESS – THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the third quarterly report to your Board in response to Supervisor Antonovich's Board Motion of May 13, 2008, directing my Office and the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) to review the County's existing animal facility licensing process and make recommendations for improvements, as well as verifying United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) permits and adding the grade of each facility to the County's website.

As mentioned in my second quarterly report on this matter, the Department has completed its comprehensive review of the current County ordinances as they relate to animal facilities. The Department, along with a number of stakeholders and other County departments have determined what the necessary next steps are; the most important of which is for the appropriate County departments to work as a group and in concert with their assigned County Counsel deputies to revise current County ordinances to address the concerns raised in the Board motion of May 13, 2008.

Specifically, the Department has found that County ordinances regulating dog breeding and kennels need to be amended to guard against over-breeding of dogs and to ensure adequate care and housing of the animals at these facilities. Despite licensing and/or permitting from the County, kennels and breeders have been found to endanger the health and welfare of adult dogs and puppies by

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housing them in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions; and by maintaining the dogs without adequate veterinary care, food, water and socialization. Recently, the Department has had to seize and/or order the relocation of hundreds of puppies and adult dogs due to such conditions, which has increased the burden, costs and impact on County shelters and rescue organizations. Multiple County departments will also need to work together with their assigned County Counsel deputies and the District Attorney's Office to address these concerns.

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